



NEW BATTLESHIP IS LAUNCHED

The South Carolina, a Sister Ship to the Michigan, About Half Finished

CROWDS WITNESS BAPTISM

New Vessel Comes Closer to the Dreadnaught Type Than Any Ship in the American Navy—Is 450 Feet Long.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 11.—Into the waters of the Delaware River, on whose shores so many ships of the "new navy" have been built, there was launched today the formidable battleship South Carolina. Built by the Cramp Shipbuilding company, the South Carolina, a sister ship to the Michigan, launched a few weeks ago at Camden, is about fifty per cent. completed and will be turned over to the government before the end of next year. The contract for her construction was signed two years ago this month and her keel was laid December 18, 1906.

The launch of the South Carolina was entirely successful, and was witnessed by a number of invited guests, including an official party from the Palmetto State and a number of distinguished naval officers from Washington, New York and other points. The Navy Department also was well represented.

It was a fete day at Kensington, as all such occasions are, and when the gates of the great Cramp yards were thrown open to the public shortly before noon an immense crowd surged in to witness the baptism of the latest addition to the nation's fleet. Grouped about the wharves and dotting the river for miles around were craft of every description, from local excursion boats to foreign steamers.

Governor Ansel of South Carolina was one of the conspicuous figures on the christening stand. The ceremony of naming the big battleship was performed by the Governor's daughter, Miss Frederick Ansel.

It was a few minutes past noon when the last shores were knocked from the ways and the colossal vessel began her brief journey. Swinging aloft the wine bottle, which was clothed with the Stars and Stripes, Miss Ansel crashed it against the steel bow and uttered the christening words. As the mammoth hulk glided gracefully down the greased cradle, the enthusiasm of the crowd found vent. To the shouts and cheers of the people was added the din of countless boats whistles and it was swung gracefully to in mid-stream that the pandemonium subsided.

After the ceremonies the invited guests were entertained at luncheon by the officials of the shipbuilding company. Informal addresses were delivered by Governor Ansel and other notable present.

The South Carolina and her sister ship Michigan are regarded by naval experts as marvels in the art of marine architecture. They come closer to the Dreadnaught class of warships in the English navy than any other big fighting vessels in the American navy.

The principal dimensions of the South Carolina are: Length between perpendiculars, 450 feet; breadth on load waterline, 80 feet; mean draft, 24 feet six inches; normal displacement, 15,000 tons; full load displacement, 17,000 tons; designed speed on trial at normal displacement, 18 1/2 knots; horsepower, 17,000; bunker capacity, 2,100 tons.

In addition to a main battery of eight 12-inch breech-loading rifles, the South Carolina will be equipped with two submerged torpedo tubes and will carry a secondary battery of

twenty-two 3-inch rapid-fire guns, two 3-pounder semi-automatic guns; eight 1-inch semi-automatic guns, two 3-inch field pieces, four machine guns of 0.30 calibre.

The hull will be protected on the waterline by a complete belt of armor eight feet wide, having a thickness of eleven inches throughout the machinery spaces and twelve inches at the magazine spaces. For a height of eight feet above the main belt there will be the casemate armor, eight inches thick at the top to ten inches thick at the bottom. There will be a complete protective deck from stern to stern. The magazines and shell rooms will be so arranged that about one-half of the total supply of ammunition will be carried at each end of the ship.

The propelling engines will be of the vertical twin-screw, four-cylinder, triple expansion type, of a combined indicated horsepower of 16,000. Each engine will be located in a separate water-tight compartment. Each of the two funnels of the vessel will be one hundred feet high above the base line. The crew of the South Carolina will number 51 officers and 758 men.

JAPAN IS CORDIAL

TOKIO, July 11.—The Yokohama municipality has voted the sum of 16,600 yen to cover the expense of the entertainment to be given the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet while they are in that city. A reception committee of fifteen which includes the mayor of the city has been organized.

MAYOR FOUND

CHICAGO, July 11.—A despatch to the Tribune from Dubuque, Ia., says: Mayor H. A. Schunk, who disappeared recently, was yesterday found in the Trappist monastery, 18 miles from here.

Troubles in legal and political affairs are assigned as the cause for the official's desire to shun the world.

LAKE OF OIL BURNS

Extraordinary Conflagration in Old Mexico

IS OVER ONE MILE SQUARE

Has Been Burning For Five Days, is of Unknown Depth, and the Blaze May Be Seen 200 Miles Out to Sea.

CHICAGO, July 11.—A despatch to the Tribune from the City of Mexico says:

A lake of oil covering an area of more than one square mile and of unknown depth in the State of Vera Cruz is on fire. It has been burning for five days and has created the wildest terror among the natives of that section. The blaze is seen for more than 200 miles at sea, according to navigators who have arrived at Vera Cruz and Tampico.

The scene of the fire is about 75 miles south east of Tampico near the San Geronimo river. It is remote from any railroad. An oil field was being developed at that place by the Pennsylvania Oil Company which is composed of Pittsburg men. The company had bored a number of wells and all of them were flowing oil in large quantities. The product was being placed in earthen storage tank preparatory to shipping.

A careless workman accidentally set fire to one of the wells and the flames were communicated to the underground reservoir of oil. A terrific explosion occurred which lifted the earth's surface throughout the whole field. The explosion was heard 75 miles distant. The oil company lost \$200,000 worth of machinery. The whole oil field will be destroyed.

SCHOOL TEACHER BADLY BEATEN

Miss Emma G. Robinson, a Portland School Teacher, in a Serious Condition

ALL CLOTHES TORN FROM HER

Is 50 Years of Age—Taught School For 25 Years—Her Assailant Unknown But Sheriff is Running Down a Clue.

MERLIN, Or., July 11.—Miss Emma G. Robinson, for 25 years a teacher in a Portland public school, and who has a mining location near Galice, was perhaps fatally beaten by unknown persons who broke into her cabin Friday night. In addition to beating the woman terribly, the assailant tied her hands and tore the clothes from her. Miss Robinson is in a serious condition. The sheriff is at present running down a clue which he expects will end in the arrest of Miss Robinson's assailant. The attack is believed to be an outgrowth of trouble over the mining claims. Miss Robinson is in the neighborhood of 50 years of age. She has a brother connected with the Idaho University at Moscow.

DOOR-STEP CAMPAIGN.

Bryan Makes a Speech to Returning Delegates and Others at Fairview

LINCOLN, July 11.—Bryan opened his door-step campaign today with a brief speech touching on the publicity of campaign contributions and the platform and candidates. The speech was made to the Nebraska delegation, Lincoln-Bryan Club and the Nebraska Traveling Men's Bryan Club. In the afternoon Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio and Virginia delegations were visitors at Fairview and on the lawn in the shade of the house Bryan had them seated, and seating himself amidst them listened to assurances of efforts to be made to elect him. The returning New York delegation had no time to make the four miles trip from Lincoln Fairview and consequently Bryan went to depot where he had an informal talk with them. Among the first he saw was Chairman W. J. Conners, of the state central committee, who assured him that New York would be carried for Bryan. "If we don't," said Conners, "I'll never shake hands with you again."

MYSTIC SHRINER AT ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 11.—The red fez worn by the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is much in evidence about the streets of St. Paul today, and the regalia of the order is attracting attention in all parts of the city. The annual sessions of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine begin next Tuesday, and the members are arriving on every train. Special entertainment has been provided for the visitors over Sunday and Monday. Headquarters were opened today at the Ryan hotel.

The visitors are receiving the heartiest kind of a welcome. Flags and bunting are lavishly displayed, and the emblem of the Shrine adorns the fronts of numerous hotels, public buildings and business houses. Monday will be occupied with the reception of the delegates. The opening session will take place Tuesday, and the following day will be given over to the exhibition drills. Parades, banquets and receptions are scheduled for nearly every day and evening during the week.

SALUTE FOR BRYAN

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The Democratic clubs of the District of Columbia celebrated the nomination of Wm. J. Bryan on the Washington monument grounds last night by firing a salute of 46 guns one for each state.

BASEBALL GAMES.

American League.

At Boston—Boston 7, Detroit 3.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 5, Chicago 5.
At New York—New York 3, 3, Cleveland 2, 2.
At Washington—Washington 4, St. Louis 2.

National League.

At Chicago—Chicago 5, Philadelphia 4.
At Pittsburg—Pittsburg 6, New York 2.
At St. Louis—St. Louis 0, Brooklyn 1.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 3, Boston 2.

Northwest League.

At Butte—Butte 3, Tacoma 3, game called in tenth inning, on account of darkness.
At Vancouver—Vancouver 2, Seattle 1.
At Spokane—Spokane 4, Aberdeen 3.

Pacific Coast League.

At Oakland—Los Angeles 10, Oakland 6.
At Portland—Portland 5, San Francisco 4.

FOR WIRELESS SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—Managers of the principal hotels of the country are arranging to install a wireless message service embracing the entire United States and far out to sea on each coast. Negotiations have been carried on for some time, and last night the managers of the St. Francis hotel in this city announced that they have joined with other hotel managers over the country in the scheme.

NO TROUBLE IN PANAMA

PANAMA, July 11.—Present indications are that the election of presidential electors tomorrow will take place in an orderly manner. At the same time the authorities are prepared to promptly suppress and disorderly demonstrations. A victory for Domingode Obaldia, the independent candidate of the Presidency of the Republic, seems assured. The electors chosen tomorrow will meet August 1 to elect the President.

TO HELP THE JEWS

Russia Promises More Tolerant Attitude

INDICATE LIBERAL POLICY

Czar Apparently Willing to Enter Into Treaty With England to Protect British Subjects of the Jewish Faith—May be Only Scheme.

NEW YORK July 11.—Despatches from London and St. Petersburg to the Jewish Daily News say the Russian government has decided to adopt a more tolerant attitude with reference to its Jewish subjects. The London despatch says the British foreign office has received a report from the British ambassador at St. Petersburg to the effect that Russia is willing to enter into a treaty with England regarding rights of British subjects of the Jewish faith to sojourn and transact business in Russia. It adds that this is to be the first evidence on the part of Russia of a more liberal policy toward the Jews in the future. The despatch from St. Petersburg confirms this news but does not speak optimistically of the promises made by Russia regarding the Jews. It declares that all the concessions names are of a minor character and that even these may be withdrawn after having been in force long enough to assist the government in securing a loan from Jewish bankers in Europe who the despatch says have kept aloof from all foreign loans floated by Russia.

TAFT CONFERS WITH LEADERS

Has a Busy Time With Hitchcock, Dover and Others, at Hot Springs

CAMPAIGN FUNDS ARRIVING

Burton of Ohio Said to Have Been Offered Assistant Attorney-Generalship—But Says it Was Not His Intention to Enter Race.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., July 11.—The many conferences that have been held by William H. Taft concerning the plans for the campaign during the past week have prevented him from devoting as much attention to his correspondence as is necessary to keep pace with the flood of letters that are coming to him. Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican National Committee, Postmaster-General Meyer and William Nelson Cromwell left last evening.

Attorney-General Wade H. Ellis, who it is said has been proffered the Assistant Attorney-General to succeed Milton D. Purdy, recently appointed United States District Judge in Minnesota, is ill, and was not able to come here today in response to an invitation by Mr. Taft. Mr. Ellis telegraphed that his brother will visit Hot Springs probably today, and will confer with Mr. Taft in his place.

Representative Burton of Ohio who has been extensively talked of in connection with the Ohio Senatorship in succession to J. B. Foraker, declared that it is not his intention to enter any Senatorial race, if party strife of any kind would embarrass the National ticket and resulting from that course. Mr. Burton will sail from New York next Saturday for Europe, to be gone for several weeks. He will spend most of his time in London, where he will gather data for the National Monetary Commission. He will probably go on the same mission to Paris. He will also gather information of value to the waterways commission, of which he is a member. Senator Smooth of Utah, will go aboard on the same steamer.

"I have received a dozen checks since I have been in, Hot Springs from people who wish to make the first contribution to the Republican party for the campaign," said George R. Sheldon, of New York, treasurer of the National Republican Committee, today.

Asked when he would open his office for campaign funds, Mr. Sheldon replied that he would do so in New York Monday morning. Mr. Sheldon declared in an interview today that he is convinced that the American people will never accept the radicalism of the Democratic convention.

Arthur I. Vorys, of Ohio, will be here Monday to confer with Mr. Taft, John A. Stewart, president of the New York State League of Republican Clubs, is here.

ELKS AT DALLAS.

Fully 100,000 Visitors Are Expected To Arrive By Monday Night.

DALLAS, Tex., July 11.—With a myriad of incandescent lights and fastastically garbed in flags and varicolored bunting, Dallas is in readiness to receive her guests, the vast army of the Elks of America who will meet in annual session Monday. It is estimated that fully 100,000 visitors will have arrived before nightfall on Monday.

WILL ENTERTAIN KERN.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 11.—Vice-President Fairbanks will preside at the big non-partisan reception which will be held when John W. Kern, the Democratic nominee for vice-president, returns from Denver. Four years ago Kern presided at the non-partisan banquet in honor of Fairbanks and was enthusiastic in the efforts for the arrangements preceding it.

PANAMA ELECTION.

PANAMA, July 11.—The Presidential elections to be held throughout Panama tomorrow will undoubtedly be orderly as the supporters of Obaldia will meet no opponent because of the action of Arcias, and the other candidate in withdrawing from the contest.

BISHOP POTTER IMPROVED.

COOPERSTOWN, July 11.—Bishop Potter, who has been making no progress toward recovery in the past several days, had a comfortable day today, and the physicians report if any change will take place it is in the direction of improvement. The greatest anxiety has been felt as to his general condition.

WIRELESS ESTABLISHMENT

NEW YORK, July 11.—Wireless telegraphic communication between Lima, Peru and Iquitos, on the Amazon river, has been successfully established according to a cablegram which has just been received by Edwardo Higginson, Peruvian consul general at New York.

THE SHAH WILL REFORM

LONDON, July 11.—The Times correspondent at Teheran says that two of the shah's ministers will go to the British legation to apologize for the disrespect shown the British through the recent troubles. The correspondent adds that the shah has issued a fresh rescript promising to rule justly and to establish courts of justice.

TO INSPECT CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, July 11.—Under orders from the British government, Captain Horace Hood, royal navy, will sail to-day for South America where he will inspect naval conditions. Captain Hood is the naval attaché of the British embassy in Washington, and he denies that his mission has any diplomatic object.

CHICAGO SUFFERING

Yesterday the Hottest Day in Seven Years

2 DEAD—MANY PROSTRATED

Tenement People Seek Relief in the City Parks—Official Record 96 Degrees—The Extreme Heat Almost Unbearable.

CHICAGO, July 11.—The highest temperature in seven years was recorded in Chicago today, two deaths and numerous prostrations resulting. The only fact that kept humidity below the normal and kept the death list from mounting in greater proportions was the breeze that came laden with heat, until even the shade gave but small relief. The hottest day that Chicago ever experienced was July 21, 1901, when 103 degrees was recorded. Today, the official record was 96 degrees with the street thermometers 4 to 7 degrees higher. In the tenement district the heat was unbearable and all persons who could moved into the parks. Relief before Monday is not expected.

HEIRS CONTEST WILL

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—Eastern heirs yesterday began in the federal court here a contest of the will of the late Jacob Z. Davis, who left an estate valued at upward of \$5,000,000. The new claimants allege that through conspiracy and a false will they have been defrauded out of their share of the estate. The action is brought by Attorneys for Catherine D. Stead and her husband, James Stead of Philadelphia. The list of defendants is a long one, including all of the heirs of the estate under the will in question.